

MINUTES

09/13/06

9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mark Sidran, Chairman
Philip Jones, Commissioner
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The Regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on September 13, 2006, by Chairman Sidran.

E)1. 1-000 Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the consent agenda and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

A)1. Docket Number UT-061291; United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba: EMBARQ; Introduces a Solutions Package, Standard Home Phone II, for residence customers and adds the description for Call Waiting ID. Tariff Revision

This filing was withdrawn by the Company.

A)2. 1-014 Docket Number UT-063065; Petition of Cingular Wireless for temporary exemption from WAC 480-123-070(2). Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Cindy Manheim, Cingular Wireless

Disposition: The item was deferred and will be re-scheduled for the next Open Meeting of September 27, 2006.

A)3. 1-408 Docket Number UT-063066; Petition of Cingular Wireless and Sprint Nextel Corporation for temporary exemption from WAC 480-123-070(6). Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Cindy Manheim, Cingular Wireless

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to grant the temporary exemptions from the requirements of WAC 480-123-070(6) requested by the Companies for the filings made in 2006. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)4. 2-040; 2-186 Docket Number UT-063052; Annual certification and reporting by eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) under WAC chapter 480-123 for the purpose of continued federal universal service support. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Richard Finnigan, Attorney

Disposition: The item was deferred and will be re-scheduled for the next Open Meeting of September 27, 2006

A)5. 2-150 Docket Number UT-063064; Annual certification of reasonable comparability of urban and rural rates pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.316. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Bob Shirley, staff; Don T. Trotter, Assistant Attorney

General

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Executive Secretary to certify to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the commission has reviewed the comparability of urban rates nationwide to residential rates in rural areas of the state served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers, and certifies to the Commission and the Administrator the rates are reasonably comparable for purposes of section 254(b)(3) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Attested by _____
Carole J. Washburn, Secretary